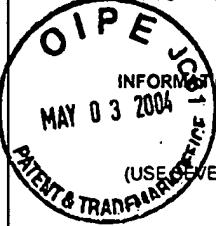
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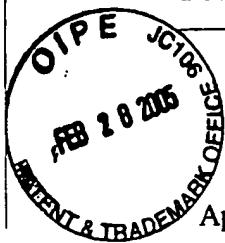
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On January 31, 2003, the assignee of the above-identified application, ASM America, shipped a part embodying the claimed invention to a customer. This shipment was to satisfy a warranty replacement obligation and was free of charge. On February 17, 2003, the assignee sold another part embodying the claimed invention.

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